

OMMON SENSE in the HOME EDITED by MARION FLARLAND



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DANGERS OF KEEPING HOUSE PETS IN THE

they are goldfish or canary birds.

Such was the recent utterance of a prom-

or a cat. I am familiar with the arguments to experience in the companionship of four characteristics. legged friends.

The fact that personally I do not know these joys, that any satisfaction I might Not the Dogs' Fault. have in association with such animals is offset by my appreciation of the unnatural ever saw," she said complacently. only serves to confirm my conviction. I repeated the statement I have quoted thing?"

to a trained nurse of long experience. "I know he is!" she said with conviction, to what was expected of me. "House dogs are not so bad, but cats are real dangers. They convey diphtheria for cuddling cats, inhaling their breath, holdof disease that seems mysterious has been he wants his milk half cream." conveyed into the family by a pet cat."

非 非 Cats in the Nursery.

This danger had never before been put to me in such a concrete form. I had founded my objections to cats on other grounds. Without accepting the old nurses' theory that cats suck the breath of sleeping children I yet feared to admit them to my nursery while there were babies in it. something to do with it. For we had a cat which was the delight of the baby and vas given the run of his play-room during his waking hours. But one night, when in tow. "If I were in his place I would like I went to look at the child before I retired to drown the little brutes!" and found the cat lying asleep on the little fellow's chest, all the old superstitions tested my companion. surged up within me. I caught the baby the cat was not admitted to his domain.

eir behavior in the house of illness the luxuries that could be offered them. and death. They are not needed, for I have

cipal function in most homes is them turn against the hand that has fed instead of bables. that of a germ bearer, and the them, I have known them to fly savagely house dog is a good second in this at the mistress who had always fondled line. City apartments are not them, I have been in touch with instances qualified for housing domestic pets, unless where their bite has proved almost as dangerous as that of a dog with rabies.

ment physician before a conference of ment of friends who, having no children, had concentrated their affections upon a Perhaps it is because of the strong prej- pet cat. He was humored as no child udice I hold personally against pets in a should be, allowed to sleep in the same bed city environment that his words impressed with his protectors, and to have only such me particularly. I know all that can be food as suited his rather expensive tastes. 'muvver''-a good deal to my disgust-enin favor of the comfort adults are reported tertained us with a recital of her pet's

"He's the most jealous little fellow you conditions to which they are subjected in I speak to my husband in the morning bethe town house or flat is not my only ob. fore I speak to him he taps me with his paw. jection to their presence in the home and The other day when he did it I didn't pay especially in the nursery. I believe they are any attention to him, just to see what he menaces to the health of the children of would do, and I found out. Look there," the family, to say nothing of the older displaying a long cratch on her arm. "And members of the household and the doctor's the other day a caller sat in the chair he dictum that such pets are germ bearers thinks is his and he jumped at her and tore a great hole in her skirt. Isn't he the clever

"I should think you would find it incon-"Do you believe he is right?" I asked her. venient at times." I said, a little at a loss as

"O, that's not the beginning of his tricks," she went on. " We have to buy one thing, not by germs in their fur but jamb chops and steak for him, and he must in their throats, and other diseases as have his chicken bone regularly. We are well. It makes me shiver when I see bables afraid to give him too much meat, since he is a house cat and can't get much exercise. ing them up close to them. Many a case but if we get fish it has to be the best, and

I tried to show a polite interest and to conceal my real feelings, but within me was boiling the thought of the starving children who could be helped by the money and time and care bestowed upon the jealous cat.

This reflection is constantly with me when in the course of my walks abroad I encounter women and sometimes men leading pet dogs out to exercise. To me there Possibly the tales I had feared had af- are few spectacles more ignominious than fected me, but my own experience had that of a stalwart lord of creation with a diminutive dog on a leash.

"Disgusting!" I ejaculated one day after I had passed a man with a couple of pugs "After all, it's not the dogs' fault," pro-

Not their fault, I grant-rather their misinto my arms to see if he were still alive fortune. Was there ever a well conducted or if he had had the breath crushed out of dog which would not prefer freedom and him by the heavy weight upon his breast, country life to pampered existence as a He was all right, to be sure, but after that house pet? There is room for doubt if even a child, but the knowledge of their treach- kennels as they please than cockered up as spare you the grewsome tales I have heard prefer mud ples and bare footed bliss to all tion of disgust.

No, it is not the fault of the dogs but known cases less disagreeable to repeat or of the women who pervert their maternal edly concur with him.

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Not long ago I was dining in the apart. the car conductor who stood and watched many to assume.

HE house cat must go! Her prin- to hear which prove my point. I have seen impulses and devote themselves to pupples. But I am wandering from the topic with. By all means, give your children the farther. Goldfish are not the only creatures and their habits as though they possessed a which I started-the undesirability of dogs chance to learn kindness to dumb crea- which are content in a glass globa. At any good deal more intelligence than is comand cats as house companions for children. tures by permitting them to have dogs, aquarium may be found a variety of fish monly imputed to them. "Babies Is Lots Nicer."

It is hard on the animals, harder on the rabbits, chickens, and even cats if there from which selection can be made, and until Another friend considered a small turtive children. They may have some enjoyment is plenty of outdoors for the youngsters you study the matter you have no idea who shared the hospitality of her gight and carried by a woman I am reminded of disadvantages connected with this are too these into a city flat. Instead, choose some
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thing which will not suffer from the con- sive than a cat or a dog, they are not wholly chameleon which lived in her bedroom cur-

tains, and which she credited with much understanding. In fact, I have known several friends who kept lizards or salamanders as pets and found them cleanly and agreeable if not remarkable for mental de-

But canaries are easily first when it comes to household companions who do not suffer from confinement and give no trouble beyond the care taken in looking ofter them. Born and raised in cages, with a long pedigree behind them of ancestors with the same history, they know nothing of the free outdoors, and would perish if they were given liberty to rove as they please. They have an intelligence beyond that of the fish or the lizard, they learn to know and love their owners, they may be taught a number of accomplishments, and have various pretty little tricks of their own which make them interesting even to the casual observer and much more so to those who love them and study them.

If your child or any member of your house hold yearns for a domestic pet, buy a canary! You can go even further and get a pair, and then go into the absorbing work of raising young birds. There is a great deal of enjoyment and much education in this pursuit, and an admirable opportunity for teaching a child a sense of responsibility which will prove of value later in life.

Lesson for Child.

The possession of a pet of any sort is a waste of energy unless utilized as a means of leading a child to recognize that certain duties devolve upon him for which he, and he alone, is answerable. If your child is old enough to take care of the bird make It his peculiar care. Let him feel that the bird depends upon its master for food, for water, for cleanliness, and accustom him to bestowing all these upon it with the same regularity which marks his own meals and

If he doesn't care enough for the bird to take the trouble to give it its food and its bath and to clean its cage he is not fit to have a pet and would neglect any he might own. He should not be permitted to shift the charge of it to some one else, but be made to recognize that every gift or privilege brings a duty with it.

This is a lesson more easily taught when a bird is in question than when one is concerned with a dog or a cat, which can pick up its living for itself. Give your child the bird or the goldfish now and persuade him of the cruelty of confining a dog or a cat limited range of the roof or the city streets.

If we begin to implant this faith in the



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the essentially domestic dogs which are a woman passenger descend from his car One of the penalties we pay for the city finement and will not injure the children by uninteresting except to those who have to the imprisonment of four walls and the This alone might not have sufficed to fix raised for boudoir and drawing room orna- with a dog tenderly clasped in her embrace. He is abstinence from such natural design in the house with ments would not be happier roaming about He surveyed her as she made her way to lights as are afforded by the company of the sidewalk with her pet in her arms, then live stock and instead of seeking to get ery established my opposition to them. I they are, just as furbelowed children would jerked the starting bell with an exclama- this by introducing a dog or a cat into

in some other way.

Best Pets for Children.

In which sentiment you and I undoubt- happiness for our children and for ourselves fit inmates of an apartment or a town Teeding them, in changing the water in where they need not live a wholly artificial house. I would extend the limits even which they lived, in following their motions and unwholesome life.

never studied them.

One old lady of my acquaintance who was alone a good deal found much solace children there is a chance that a future and companionship in her goldfish. She generation may develop enough common on of disgust.

"Gosh!" he said. "Bables is lots nicer." adapt ourselves to circumstances and get referred mentions goldfish and canaries as birds," and took as much enjoyment in —in the country or in some surroundings

E. L."

the recipe? Never having heard of the delectable pie of all is the washing machine. until I read your letter, I cannot produce it out of hand. I can guarantee that you purposes escapes them in the long run.

the south as "transparent pudding" in the established Cornerites, and I think of her ante-bellum days, and is stilled called at as of the band of brave mothers who the north "lemon pie," may pass under struggle to bring up their children in the the title of "butter Scotch" in Kansas. It right way with insufficient means. Any often had meringue upon the surface. While rected where it will be of real service and rect recipe, suppose you try this? If it dress to send to any one who can furnish prove to be the wrong thing, you will have what she wants. This is another one of the

pound of butter, one pound of sugar, six cost of transporting the articles she needs eggs whites and yolks beaten separately. juice of one lemon, grated rind of two lem one, a grated nutmeg, half a glass of

Cream butter and sugar light, beat in the yolks, spice, and brandy, and, last of all, fold in the stiffened whites. Bake in open either from her or from any other reader crust of the best puff paste.

The above recipe is a hundred years old and is as delicious (and as rich) now as fered a while ago have been already diswhen it was inscribed upon the sallowed leaves of my grandmother's recipe book.

"If you would make this into a more elegant dish, you may beat the whites of but four eggs into the mixture and whip the whites of four more into a standing froth with four tablespoonfuls of fine white sugar and a little lemon juice to spread over the top of the pies. The recipe should make two large pies. They are very nice baked although I have watched for it I have failed in patty pans, when they are called by to see an answer, so I will send mine. It some 'cheese cakes.' Some fanciful per- may not be the original one, but it fills the sons insist that they were the very 'cheese bill. cakes' spoken of in the Arabian Nights, "'

sion is more interesting than the recipe. I ness. I sometimes put in one cup nutsmay venture to observe that I have made Take one cup sugar and put in pan or nice pudding-or pie-by this recipe, using skillet and burn until dark brown, stirring four eggs instead of six.

kind neighbor gave me a cook stove that although I find salty lard will make good

spoiled when I take it out. If I could get Will you, if possible, kindly print another stove I would return this to its owner. But the thing I really need most

" MRS. J. F. P." It would be a beautiful thing if we could will see the recipe in this corner scon after—supply this correspondent's needs, both as your request reaches the eyes of our con-—to the stove and the washing machine. We stituency. No notable formula for culinary who are cooks know the trial it is to prepare good food and have it ruined in the It occurs to me that what was known at baking. Mrs. J. F. P. is one of the well was compounded of butter and eggs, and help that can be offered to her will be diwaiting for another, and maybe a more cor- receive due appreciation. I have her adbeen amused during the term of suspense:

Illinois contingent, so the assistance should
TRANSPARENT PUDDING-Half a come from that part of the world, or the will be too heavy.

Request for Cotton Pieces.

"One of your correspondents speaks of cotton patches she has to give away. I would be very glad if I could get them MRS. E. G."

who has them to spare. I am afraid the patches which were oftributed, but I am sure there will be others to meet your call. I will hold your address for them and hope to have a demand for

Burnt Sugar Cake.

"I am coming to join the Corner, from which I get so much enjoyment and help Some one asked for burnt sugar cake, and

"Three eggs, one cup sugar, one cup lard, and that 'pepper,' in the tale, meant nut- one cup milk or water, two teaspoons baking powder, one teaspoon vanilla, flour Wasn't that a pretty conceit? The digres- enough to make batter of medium stiffall the time; pour in a half cup boiling water Request for Washing Machine.

"Will you ask if some one has a washing machine to spare me? You got one for icing.

and cook until sugar is dissolved; half of this must be added to milk in mixing cake and the other half reserved to use in the icing. and cook until sugar is dissolved; half of

me n year ago, and it has been such a help "Mrs. R. B. M. asks for a soap recipe and godsend, but has suddenly collapsed. She will find one or two on the outside of and I can hardly do washing without it. any can of iye. She can use cracklings,

a most delicious pie known as 'but- bake a decent loaf of bread in it. My bread then follow directions on can. Don't stir home made soap, but I am glad to put ing, are far cheaper than lard, unless you bread that is its foundation use a quart of bring with it an opportunity for the boy ter Scotch pie.' It had a meringue is lovely and light when it goes in, but too hard or the lye and grease will part, housekeepers on the track of another live on a farm and kill your own pork. meal, two eggs, one large cup of milk, a himself to do something in return, not only

SUNDAY.

BREAKFAST.

Grape fruit.

Oatmeal.

Jelly and cream. Deviled kidneys.

Popovers.

Tea and coffee.

LUNCHEON.

Cold boiled ham.

Baked beans

Lettuce and celery salad. Thin brown bread and butter.

Lemon jelly.

Cookies

Tea.

DINNER

Celtay soup (made of outside stalks of celery

from salad). Roast beef

Hominy pudding

Lima bears, Apple tart.

Coffee.

MONDAY.

BREAKFAST.

Oranges.

Mush and milk.

Bacon. Boiled eggs.

Toast

Tea and coffee.

LUNCHEON.

Barbecued ham (a leftover).

Paked potatoes. Mush muffins (leftover mush)

Crackers.

DINNER

Brown potate soup. Larded beef (a leftover).

Large hominy.

Stewed saleify

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eamed pudding with raisins. Coffee.

TUESDAY.

BREAKFAST.

Baked apples

Shredded wheat and cream

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HAVE upon several occasions eaten is large and has a huge oven, but I cannot soap. Just melt it and strain and weigh; printed for the benefit of the seeker for or such others as cannot be utilized in fry- I give all my life. To make the plain egg hope the offer, when it does come, may "Mrs. J. A. R." method as well. To my mind the use of We are glad to welcome you into our con- lard seems an expensive process, and my stituency with your helpful budget and own inclination would be to collect my hope that you may return early and often. grease for soap from the left over or un-

FAMILY MEALS FOR A WEEK.

Fried pork with cream gravy.

Quick biscuit

Tea and coffee.

LUNCHEON

Mince of beef and ham (leftovers) Creamed potatoes.

Graham gema

Cream cheese.

Tea

DINNER

Cream of saisify soup (a leftover)

Curried year and rice.

Chilled bannnas.

Spinach. Chocolate blancmange

Coffee.

WEDNESDAY.

EREAKFAST.

Oranges.

Hominy and cream

Salt mackerel. Stewed potatoes

Tea and coffee

LUNCHEON.

Sausages and griddle cakes.

New maple sirup

Tea

DINNER

Haked calf's liver.

Beets. Marked potatoes

Cottage pudding

THURSDAY.

PREAKFAST.

Grape fruit.

Catmeal and cream

Fried eggs.

Tea and coffee

LUNCHEON.

Sliced liver warmed in gravy (a leftover). Fried hominy (a leftover).

Toasted biscuit left over from breakfast

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Cornbread Turkey Stuffing.

If I am not mistaken, a recipe for soap desirable fats which gather in the kitchen. turkey stuffing, since I see an application making has appeared or will shortly be The fat from mutton or lamb, for instance, has been made for it. I have used the one

DINNER

Roast leg of lamb with mint sauce.

Browned potatoes

Butter rootch ple.

Coffee.

FRIDAY.

BREAKFAST.

Oranges.

Cornfiakes and cream. Fried smeits

Hot rolls

Ten and coffee.

LUNCHEON.

Scalloped oysters

Saratoga potatoes.

Quick Sally Lunn drop cakes.

Tes.

DINNER

Parisian potatoes with butter sauce.

String beans.

Bread and raisin pudding

SATURDAY.

BREAKFAST.

Stewed prunes

Catmeal and cream

Fried apples and bacon

Tea and coffee

LUNCHEON.

Salad of beets and potatoes (a leftover). Baked cheese toast.

Ginger snaps

DINNER

Bean soup

Hamburg steak with baked bananas

Stewed onlone. French fried potatoes.

Fig pudding.

Sliced cold lamb (a leftover.)

Coffee.

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Peas.

Vegetable soup.

a cup of butter. Season to taste with sait one who gets a good of any kind for nothand pepper, a good sized onlon, and a little ing. The sense of obligation is a wholesage. Mix all well with the water in which some experience for all of us. turkey or chicken is bolled and stuff the turkey. Make the rest of the stuffing into little cakes, bake them and serve with gravy made from the water in which the turkey was cooked. MRS. G. H."

Although I have printed several recipes for turkey stuffing made of cornmeal, I use this because it differs somewhat from the others which have appeared. I have already uttered a protest against parboiling a turkey before roasting it and suggest that if you must use other moistening than butter for the stuffing you utilize the liquor in which the giblets were cooked or any other stock you may have on hand. When you parboil your turkey you rob it of ifs distinctive flavor and make of it quite an inferior thing to turkey roasted without previous cooking.

Boy Craves Music Lessons.

a long time and I have seen how a number of people have been made happy by its means. So I turn to you now for something I want very much.

to learn music. Day and night he begs and craves to be allowed to take lessons. He says he will run errands or do anything in exchange for any one who would lowed will produce a pleasing result. teach him. My husband is sick nearly all the time with a complication of diseases and is not able to work steadily, so that I further than as I have met it in hotels and cannot afford to pay for lessons. I have six small children, the oldest a girl of 12, so none of them is able to work to earn to me. Therefore I must ask my German anything. I myself had a severe attack of readers who send the recipes to be especialillness last summer, so that since then I am ly careful as to their accuracy and must not able to do anything to help. Anyhow, also beg the indulgence of the readers not I have no trade or business occupation, so of Teutonic origin who try the dishes and that there is not much I could do. Can fail to be pleased by them. What suits the

piano playing or the violin, or some other correspondents. loves humanity as well as music does not appearing in our columns because boy and his desire to be a musician. I size may be delighted with it.

level teaspoon of soda and the same of sait. because he will value more highly some-Make a batter and if it seems too thick thing which costs him an effort to get, but add a little water and bake the bread about also because of the benefit it will be to him "I am sending you a good cornbread thirty minutes. To make the stuffing use to feel that he is making some compensatwo parts of the egg bread to one of cold tion for what he receives. There is almost biscult and to bind it together put in half always a lowering of the moral tone of the

Crutches Needed.

" If you have not disposed of the crutches offered by Nina F. I would be glad to get them, as I have been in bed with rheumatism for five months, and it will be some time before I shall be able to walk. If you will let me have her address I will get my sister to call for them.

I am sorry to say the crutches have already been given away, but I hope another pair may be offered for the benefit of this sufferer. She is still in the hospital, and it would be a comfort and encouragement to her to know that when she is finally able to get about a pair of crutches will be ready to help her. Five months is a long time to be laid up in a hospital with rheumatism and it would be a joy to be able to bring the sufferer cheer.

Among my most valued correspondents "I have been a reader of your Corner for I count a number of German housemothers who often send me useful and helpful hints in the line of domestic economy. These I am always glad to print here for the hing I want very much.

"My 10 year old boy would do anything and aid. Now and again there comes to me a recipe for some distinctively German dainty with the assurance that the directions for it are correct and if carefully fol-

Now, although I have traveled in Germany, I am not familiar with its cookery pensions, so that the dishes for which instructions are given are often entirely new you put my boy in the way of music les-galate of one nationality might not gratify sons, do you think?

A. B." the tastes of another people. We cannot This is a request which ought to bring a expect the Italians to care for German food prompt response from some musical phi- or vice versa. My effort is to meet the lanthropist, and there are many such. You general wish and to consider the particular do not say if your boy's craving is to learn instance as far as I can with justice to all

instrument, but in any case I shall be as- I shall appreciate it very much if you will tonished and disappointed if some one who bear this in mind and not condemn a recipe write and ask further details as to your not appeal to you personally. Some one